

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Nam Huynh

Applicant(s)

VANDER VEEN ET AL.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14,21-28 and 30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to amendment filed on 2/26/2007. Of the previously presented claims 1-30, claims 1 and 27 have been amended and claims 15-20 and 29 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-14, 21-28, and 30 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention of Vander Veen et al. pertains to matching a network identifier (e.g. a telephone number) in an incoming call with stored contact information records to display the name of the caller. The invention takes into account the possibility that the same network identifier may be associated with multiple stored records of contact information.

With respect to independent claims 1, 21, and 27, the novelty of the invention lies in the method of displaying contact information when a network identifier is received that matches more than one contact record. If this condition exists, and the matching records have a common value in a field other than a name field, the common value is displayed instead of the value that is in the name field. Claims 1 and 27 present embodiments of this concept where a common last name or business name is displayed for multiple matching records. This concept in conjunction with the additional limitations set forth in independent claims 1, 21, and 27 contribute to the novelty of the invention.

With respect to the previously cited prior art, Padawer et al. (US 7,046,994) discloses a system and method for associating a contact with a call ID. Padawer teaches a call ID process that displays all matched contacts for an associated number (column 7, lines 3-22). Alternatively, the present invention displays a field that is common to the matched contacts.

Lemke (US 6,813,344) discloses a method and system for providing information for identifying callers based on a partial number (title). Lemke teaches displaying entries in a database that do not require an exact match. For instance displaying an entry named "Work" when a partial match is (408) 123-45**, wherein the * can be any digit (column 7, lines 11-27). This invention is capable of displaying an entry that is common to two different numbers, but not displaying an entry that is common to one or more matching contact records, which is taught by the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicant's claims are allowed for these reasons and for the reasons recited by the Applicant in the amendment filed on 7/18/2006.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nam Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-5970. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m.-5 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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